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### 1968-07-04, Bette to Mother

Bette J. Barto

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## Subject Terms

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## Summary

This collection contains 139 correspondence from Maj. Bette J. Barto, USAFE to her parents while serving as a nurse during the late 1950s and 1960s. Also included are three photographs, one special orders document, and one marriage license. In several cases, Bette refers to her parents as "Lizzie" and "Hugh Elmer," or simply "Elmer." Three letters from 1961 or 1962 are undated and placed in a separate folder.

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Sked 9<sup>30</sup><sub>pm</sub>  
on the patio

Hi- I'm enjoying the last bit  
of a lovely sunset while Ray  
is messing in the kitchen cooking  
potatoes and boiling eggs so I  
can make LIZZIE-LIKE potato  
salad in the a.m.

We were planning to do nothing  
tonite but Wanda + Sandy (from  
down the block) were coming by  
to show off our new patio  
and furniture to Wanda's Mom  
and Aunt who are visiting @  
them for the day. They have  
failed to show so Ray got tired  
waiting & started the cooking.  
We had planned to have  
it ready to make before now  
but Ray got sidetracked  
today by finding a gasoline



Powered lawn edger he'd wanted for a year. So he bought it & got too involved in edging the lawn that he forgot to bail the ingredients. 4 other neighbors are buying shares in the edger; so it will be community property but that way no one has too much in it.

Ray got his lawn mower repaired this pm. also. We were afraid that we were in need of a new one but the repairman said heavens, no, & charged <sup>\$</sup>1.90 for over 2 hrs. overhaul; so we feel very fortunate.

Fire-crackers are popping everywhere around us. I wish there ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> some way to enforce the ordinance against



shooting them. We've already had one death + one probably fatal burn since 4<sup>30</sup> pm. A son dropped a firecracker in a drum containing tar and oil. It exploded + the boy was covered with burning oil + tar. His father ran out to help him + was engulfed in the burning yard. The boy is dead, the father probably won't make it. What a waste.

Mom, I will probably get some Alderyl<sup>(sp?)</sup> samples for you soon. I have the pharmacy men on the look out of the MSD Representative. Dr Jack will get them for me. I may delay my package a few more days to see if I do.

I will send Raep's prescription + the P.D. Referee on it. I hope ~~it~~ does give it a trial. It could help him a lot but only a trial



will tell on the individual.

Now, I re-steamed the embroidered picture and it came out very well. I also did the pillow and it doesn't have any pucker in it at all now. I hope to finish it tomorrow - tried to find a 16" foam square today but didn't; so will get it Friday. I have the picture on my dining area wall - it will look really pretty, when we get our paneling done later in the fall. I hate this wild wallpaper!

Well, Ray's ready for me to get my other ingredients ready for the p. salad so I'll quit. I hope you have a good 4<sup>th</sup> & good news on the house &addy soon.

We love you  
BZ & RB